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**AUSTIN MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR
STRING OF ARMED ROBBERIES**

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Austin, Andrew Lee Frausto was sentenced to 272 months in federal prison for his role in a series of Austin-area convenience store robberies.

In addition to his prison term, United States District Judge Sam Sparks ordered Frausto to be placed under supervised release for a period of five years after completing his prison term.

On December 1, 2005, Frausto pleaded guilty to conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery, conspiracy to use and carry a firearm during a crime of violence and one substantive count of using or carrying a firearm during a crime of violence.

Between October 2003 and June 2004, Frausto, together with Michael Medina and Joseph Anthony Lopez, conspired together in the commission of 27 convenience store robberies. Authorities estimate that the defendants collected over \$28,000 in cash from their illegal robbery spree.

In October 2005, Medina and Lopez were sentenced to 572 months and 252 months in federal prison, respectively, for their roles in the robberies.

This case was investigated by the Austin Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant United States Attorneys Gerald C. Carruth and Matthew B. Devlin prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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